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a second bracket support for coupling the bracket base to at least one of the first chain stay, the seat tube, and the bottom bracket shell.

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17. (Amended) A bracket apparatus for mounting a control device for a bicycle transmission to a bicycle frame, wherein the frame has a bottom bracket shell, a seat tube extending upwardly relative to the bottom bracket shell, a first chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube and a first seat stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube above the first chain stay, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a bracket base for supporting the control device at least partially above the first chain stay;
a first bracket support for coupling the bracket base to at least one of the first chain stay and the first seat stay;
a second bracket support for coupling the bracket base to the first chain stay; and
wherein the bicycle frame has a second chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube, and further comprising a bracket support bridge adapted to bridge the first chain stay and the second chain stay for coupling the second bracket support to the first chain stay and to the second chain stay.

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54. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 52 wherein the second bracket support extends downwardly from a lateral side of the bracket base when viewed from a front of the bracket base.

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66. (Amended) A bracket apparatus for mounting a control device for a bicycle to a bicycle frame, wherein the frame has a bottom bracket shell, a seat tube extending upwardly relative to the bottom bracket shell, a first chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube and a first seat stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube above the first chain stay, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a bracket base for supporting the control device at least partially above the first chain stay;
wherein the bracket base has a substantially horizontal upper surface for substantially its entire length; and
a bracket support extending from the bracket base for coupling the bracket base to at least one of the first chain stay, the first seat stay, the seat tube, and the bottom bracket shell.

68. (Amended) A bracket apparatus for mounting a control device for a bicycle to a bicycle frame, wherein the frame has a bottom bracket shell, a seat tube extending upwardly relative to the bottom bracket shell, a first chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube and a first seat stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube above the first chain stay, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a bracket base for supporting the control device at least partially above the first chain stay; wherein the bracket base has a substantially horizontal mounting surface for mounting the control device to the bracket base;

a bracket support extending from the bracket base for coupling the bracket base to the first chain stay; and

wherein the bicycle frame has a second chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube, and further comprising a bracket support bridge adapted to bridge the first chain stay and the second chain stay for coupling the bracket support to the first chain stay and to the second chain stay.

70. (Amended) A bracket apparatus for mounting a control device for a bicycle to a bicycle frame, wherein the frame has a bottom bracket shell, a seat tube extending upwardly relative to the bottom bracket shell, a first chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube and a first seat stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube above the first chain stay, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a bracket base for supporting the control device at least partially above the first chain stay; wherein the bracket base has a substantially vertical mounting surface for mounting the control device to the bracket base;

a bracket support extending from the bracket base for coupling the bracket base to the first chain stay; and

wherein the bicycle frame has a second chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube, and further comprising a bracket support bridge adapted to bridge the first chain stay and to the second chain stay for coupling the bracket support to the first chain stay and to the second chain stay.

Please add the following new claims:

78. (New) A bracket apparatus for mounting a control device for a bicycle transmission to a bicycle frame, wherein the frame has a bottom bracket shell, a seat tube extending upwardly relative to the bottom bracket shell, a first chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube and a first seat stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube above the first chain stay, wherein the apparatus comprises:

- a bracket base for supporting the control device at least partially above the first chain stay;
- a first bracket support for coupling the bracket base to at least one of the first chain stay and the first seat stay;
- a second bracket support for coupling the bracket base to at least one of the first chain stay, the seat tube, and the bottom bracket shell; and
- wherein the bracket base has an upper surface that extends in a horizontal direction beyond the first bracket support and the second bracket support.

79. (New) A bracket apparatus for mounting a control device for a bicycle transmission to a bicycle frame, wherein the frame has a bottom bracket shell, a seat tube extending upwardly relative to the bottom bracket shell, a first chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube and a first seat stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube above the first chain stay, wherein the apparatus comprises:

- a bracket base for supporting the control device at least partially above the first chain stay;
- wherein the bracket base includes a mounting surface extending vertically upwardly from an upper surface thereof;
- a first bracket support for coupling the bracket base to at least one of the first chain stay and the first seat stay; and
- a second bracket support for coupling the bracket base to at least one of the first chain stay, the seat tube, and the bottom bracket shell.

REMARKS

Claims 1-77 are pending. Claims 78 and 79 have been added.